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Office of Research and Reports  
Economic Research Area

## MATERIALS DIVISION

### MISSION

1. The Materials Division is responsible for producing all-source economic intelligence on strategic raw materials, certain semifinished commodities derived therefrom, and certain finished commodities related thereto, produced in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, and, on allied processes; for contributing to the coordination of intelligence production in this field within the U.S. Government, and for contributing, within its field of responsibility, to national estimates.

2. The materials, commodities, and processes described above include generally:

- a. Solid fuels and coal gas
- b. Petroleum and petroleum products
- c. Nuclear energy
- d. Electric Power
- e. Chemicals
- f. Metals and minerals
- \* g. Goods and agricultural products and mfg food
- h. Fish and fish products
- i. Industrial crops, including forest products
- \* j. Textiles and other light industrial products

3. The responsibility of this Division for the production of all-source economic intelligence on nuclear energy programs of the Sino-Soviet Bloc is subordinate to the Agency assigned responsibility of the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence for all aspects of atomic energy intelligence.

### FUNCTIONS

Within its field of responsibility, the Materials Division shall:

1. Formulate, recommend, and prepare, or coordinate the preparation of, research programs and intelligence studies bearing on the economic capabilities, vulnerabilities, and intentions of the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

2. Provide economic, including current, intelligence support and technical advice to other components of the CIA and to other U.S. Government agencies.

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3. Maintain working-level liaison with other U.S. Government agencies.
4. Provide chairman and/or secretariat for KIC subcommittees.
5. Prepare collection, collation, and exploitation requirements, and provide guidance and evaluation in support thereof.
6. Recommend and work with, as necessary, consultants and/or consultant panels to assist in carrying out Division responsibilities.
7. Review and evaluate intelligence reports received from U.S. and other Government agencies.

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